

VIRGINIA: At the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors held at the Bland County Courthouse, Bland, Virginia, on the thirtieth day of March 2010, at 5:00 p.m., the following duly elected and qualified members were present or absent.

PRESENT: Henry Blessing, Jason R. Ramsey, Karen Hodock, Nick Asbury

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Willie Howlett, County Administrator, Carol Hall, Deputy Administrator
Paul Cassell, County Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Mr. Blessing called the March 30, 2010 monthly meeting to order.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO FLAG

The invocation was offered and pledge was led by Supervisor Mr. Ramsey.

MARCH 30, 2010 MEETING AGENDA APPROVED AS AMENDED

***** MOTION to approve the March 30, 2010 meeting agenda with additions was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes; Mr. Blessing, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mrs. Hodock, yes

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED AS PRESENTED

*****MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which consists of the Board meeting minutes of February 23, 2010, March 8, 2010 and March 9, 2010, the bills for the month of March 2010, in the amount of \$255,285.12, payrolls of March 1 and March 16, 2010 totaling \$178,897.74, reports from the Sheriff, Treasurer, Animal/Litter Control, Building Official, E-911, Public Works Director, Meals & Lodging and Recycling were made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen. Hodock, yes

VDOT REPORTS

Marty Halloway, Residency Administrator reported on the installation of guardrail upon State Rt. 606, plant mix to be advertised in April 2010, the I-77 paving, and the bridge replacement upon State Rt. 665.

Ken Brittle, District Administrator advised of the downsizing and reorganizing of VDOT offices, noting Bland County maintenance would be handled out of the Wythe Office under the direction of Matthew Cox. The changes would become effective April 24, 2010.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REQUESTS ASSISTANCE WITH ROOF OF OLD JAIL BUILDING

Randy Newberry of the Historical Society advised that three bids have been received for the replacement of the roof on the first story of the Historical Society's leased property and requested assistance with the electric bills. Mr. Blessing commented on prorating the bill in June 2010 for the county's responsibility and would investigate the pulling the county's electric service off to another meter.

SOCIAL SERVICES JANUARY 2010 REPORT APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve the January 2010, Social Services report in the amount of \$73,527.02, with the local allotment of \$11,180.92, was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

SCHOOLS APRIL 2010 REQUISITION APPROVED

*****MOTION to approve and appropriate the Bland County School Boards' April 2010 requisition in the amount of \$800,000.00, to approve the meeting minutes of February 22, 2010 and check registers for February 3, 2010 and February 18, 2010, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Nick Asbury, yes; Henry Blessing, yes; Jason Ramsey, yes; Karen Hodock, yes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

John Goins, Treasurer presented an update of office activities.

COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

Cindy Wright, Commissioner of Revenue reported on office work load.

PROJECT MANAGER REPORTS STATUS OF 2000 CENSUS

Audra Repass, Project Manager reported a sixty percentage mail back rate on the 2000 Census.

COMMUNITY PARKS APPROVED FOR MULCH

Randy Moler of the Parks & Recreation Committee reported on the conditions of the community parks, the need of mulch due to water wash off/damage and the request for repairs to the Crab Orchard Park wooden bridge which is included within the 2010-2011. The total of \$2,075.00 for the two loads of mulch, (Crab Orchard Park, \$650.00, mulch and the replacement of trash cans), Mechanicsburg Park (\$525.00 mulch and repairs to guttering and concrete), Hollybrook Park (\$450.00), and Ceres Park, (\$450.00, mulch), all to be paid for with the current year's budget.

ROUND THE MTN COMMITTEE

Steve Hermansen extended an invitation to the Artisan's Trail Development meeting to be held April 22, 2010 in Bland and reported on updates to Round the Mountain and the New River Highlands Resource Conservation & Development Council schedule.

VIRGINIA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION AGENT REPORTS

Jim Atwell, Agent reported to the Board on the April schedule of events for the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office.

APPOINTMENTS

Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority

*****MOTION to reappoint Henry Blessing to the Virginia's First Regional Industrial Facility Authority, a 4-year term to expire 6-30-14, was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Jason Ramsey.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes; Mr. Blessing, abstain; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mrs. Hodock, yes;

BLAND HIGH SCHOOL WAIVER APPROVED

*****MOTION to waive the building permit fee to correct wiring to the scoreboard at Bland High School, in the amount of \$30.60 was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes; Mr. Blessing, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mrs. Hodock, yes;

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING SUB-GRANT

*****MOTION to appropriate the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness planning sub-grant in the amount of \$7,500.00, to the County's revenue and expenditure 2009-2010 budget was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury. This grant is to be used to conduct an update to the county's SARA Title III and Emergency Operations Plans, to be expended by Sept. 30, 2010. Total allowable costs of \$9,000.00 with a recipient contribution of \$1,500 (in kind- staff time).

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes; Mr. Blessing, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mrs. Hodock, yes;

CSA APPROPRIATION FROM DSS APPROVED

*****MOTION to transfer \$18,000.00 from the 2009-2010 Social Services local budget to the CSA was made by Jason Ramsey and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes; Mr. Blessing, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mrs. Hodock, yes;

4-H TECHNICAL JOB DESCRIPTION

No action taken.

EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL 2010-2011

*****MOTION to continue the employee health insurance benefits under the Local Choice Program for the fiscal year 2010-2011 was made by Karen Hodock and seconded by Nick Asbury.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes; Mr. Blessing, yes; Mr. Ramsey, abstain; Mrs. Hodock, yes;

SENIOR CITIZENS TO RECEIVE RUG

*****MOTION to approve up to \$100.00 from the Board's Civic, & Community line (Asbury) for the purchase of a commercial grade throw rug for the Senior Citizens, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes, Mr. Blessing, yes, Mr. Ramsey, yes, Mrs. Hodock, yes

BLAND GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM TO RECEIVE MONIES

*****MOTION to approve \$300.00 from the Board's Civic & Community line (Asbury) and give to the girl's softball team, to purchase jerseys and equipment, was made by Nick Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

RECESS

The meeting was recessed and reconvened to the Conference Room, for a 2010-2011 budget work session upon the motion of Mr. Asbury and seconded by Karen Hodock.

Roll vote: Mr. Asbury, yes; Mr. Blessing, yes; Mr. Ramsey, yes; Mrs. Hodock, yes;

2010-2011 BUDGET WORK SESSION

Corbin Stone, and Gordon Jones, auditors from Robinson, Farmer and Cox presented an overview of the 2009 Financial Audit and plans of the Financial Forecast.

A brief session was conducted on the County's 2010-2011 budget included changes to the 2010-2011 Budget Calendar, the schools budget request, several agency budget request reductions and discussion of state funding cuts.

CONTINUANCE

The meeting was continued to April 7, 2010, to the School Board Office in Bastian, immediately following the Service Authority meeting.

Henry M. Blessing, Chairman

Willie Howlett, County Administrator